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From the Director

As we embark upon a new century I am honored to report that our nation's programs to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis are thriving and making a real difference.



As Director of NCHSTP, I'm proud to report on the progress we have made together. To us, progress is a call to further action; it means we're heading in the right direction. The number of infants with AIDS has declined more than 81 percent. The rate of tuberculosis infection has dropped for the 7th straight year. AIDS-related deaths continue to decline in the United States. Prevention services for communities of color, men who have sex with men, and those living with the HIV virus have expanded. Syphilis today is virtually nonexistent in many parts of the country. But our work is far from over. There is still much progress to be made.

Every time an infection is prevented, it's progress. Every time a baby is born healthy, a recent immigrant seeks treatment, a teenaged girl says "no" to unprotected sex, it's progress. Every time a scared young man finds counseling for HIV/AIDS prevention, every time a woman in labor is protected from TB, every time a community bands together to fight sexually transmitted diseases – it's progress.

In the pages that follow, you will learn more about what we do and how we do it. More importantly, I hope you will understand why. Although much of our work involves science and statistics, behind every statistic is a human being and a human story. That's how we approach the challenge of disease prevention, and how we define progress.

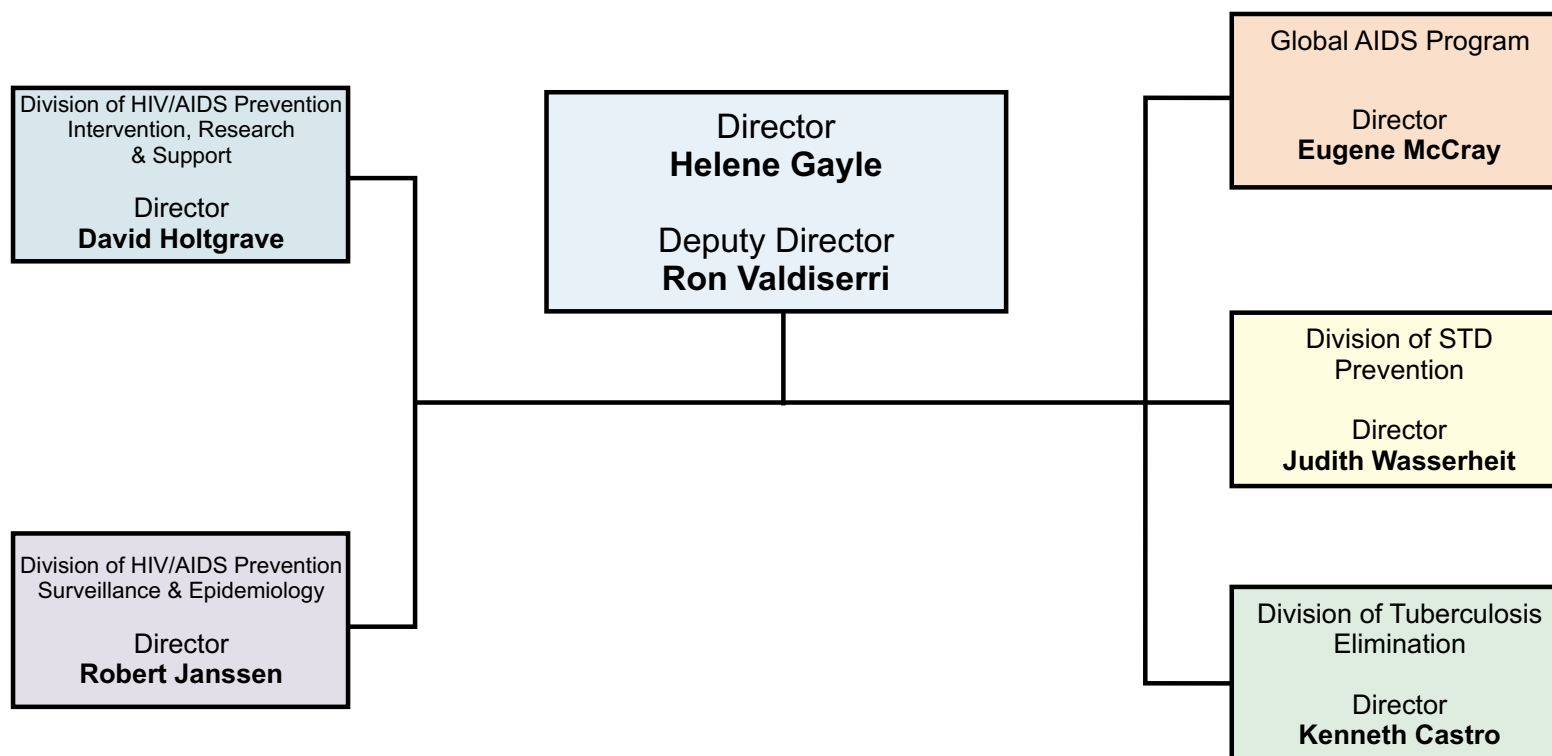
This briefing book is designed to provide a sampling of our ongoing challenges, accomplishments, and research during FY 2000. It provides information about our work, and insight into our strategies. It reflects the hard work, dedication, focus, and self-sacrifice of the individuals who make up NCHSTP. Most importantly, however, we hope to illustrate the challenge – and the urgency – of continuing to protect America's future from HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

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NCHSTP Mission

To provide leadership in preventing and controlling human immunodeficiency virus infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis, in collaboration with partners at community, state, national, and international levels, applying well-integrated multidisciplinary programs of research, surveillance, technical assistance, and evaluation

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